

**FREDERICK COUNTY HEALTH CARE COALITION-AVAILABILITY COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY
November 28, 2007**

Attendees: Monica Grant, Leigh Joos, Kathleen Kissane, Eileen McGrath, Helen Monk, Jim Williams

Review of 10/24/07 Committee Meeting Summary – No questions or changes

Executive Committee Meeting Update – Last met Nov. 5th; primary topic was an update on the Prescription Committee's coordination of a program to utilize pharmaceutical company-donated medications for patients awaiting long-term pharmacy assistance; program involves a partnership between FMH, FCAA, and Medbank; a new FMH patient discharge/referral process is being developed and will include staff training. Community health care providers will also be informed of this resource.

Old Business –

Dental Survey data has been sent to DHMH per Dr. Brookmyer/FCHD

Community Foundation grant application – pending; decision due 12/15

Prenatal Clinic/FMH – scheduled to open mid December

Kaiser Foundation Grant – Frederick County Health Access Program; a meeting of interested physicians was held Nov. 14th; although several providers expressed interest in the program, only one (Dr. Choe) attended. As a representative of the coalition, Leigh is working with Dr. Douge' and Dr. Brookmyer to develop a draft plan for the program which will be modeled after the REACH program of Anne Arundel County.

New Business –

MD Community Health Resources Commission - Helen Monk shared that this group, in December, will be issuing a Request for (grant) Proposals for health care services provided by School Based Health Centers; Frederick County anticipates submitting a proposal.

Discussion of revising the Availability Committee's goals/priorities was held in light of the Community Health Profile data; it was generally agreed that, at this point, the committee would like to focus on access to health care; this is consistent with the development and distribution of the resource guide and partnership with the FCHD to assist with the creation of the Frederick County Health Access Program. Possible consideration of combining current coalition committees (Affordability and Availability) to reflect shared emphasis on access was raised; revision of committee goals will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Next Committee Meeting – January 17th (tentative) 4-5:30pm at FMH

Next large coalition meeting is scheduled for Dec. 12th at the FMH Wellness Center/FSK Mall; announcement will be sent once speakers are confirmed.

